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In re the application of:

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated March 12, 2004, the applicant hereby elects:

Group I: directed to claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 to 12, drawn to compounds of Examples 1 and 2 and compositions and use thereof.

The applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to non-elected subject matter.

The applicant also elects the compound from Examples 1 and 2 for search purposes. Claims 1, 2, 4, and 7 to 12 read on the elected species.

This response is filed within the shortened statutory period for response. Therefore, the applicant believes that no fee is due.

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In the event this response is not timely filed, the applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this petition, along with any other additional fees required with respect to this response, may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 026220-00015.

Respectfully submitted,

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